THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Wherever some sections have been abolished in some of the schools, the students have been adjusted in the existing classes in the same schools/neighbouring schools.

Strike by DU teachers

†3216. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University teachers had observed a strike in September, 2002, in protest against the UGC instructions;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the strike;

(c) whether the future of students is being jeopardized, due to the politics on account of the demands of teachers and the decisions of the UGC; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to end the dead lock, keeping in view the future of the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) had observed one week's strike in September, 2002 in protest against the decisions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) to impose ban on filling up of all vacant posts in the University and its colleges and to increase workload of teachers as per UGC norms.

(c) and (d) The University has informed that the UGC has since clarified that the ban on filling of vacant posts is not applicable to teaching posts. As regards the issue of increase in workload of teachers, a High Powered Committee on Accountability and Academic Reforms, constituted by the University to make recommendations about streamlining the teaching

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

learning process and other related important issues, is already seized of this matter.

Privatisation of primary sections in Kendriya Vidyalayas

3217. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the primary sections in Kendriya Vidyalayas from the next academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any restriction has been imposed on appointment of teachers in primary sections;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce any change in the existing teachers' strength of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The existing staffing pattern is being reexamined. Changes, if any, will emerge only after the matter has been reexamined.

Rejection of NCERT new text books

3218. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixteen States, including the Delhi Government, have rejected NCERT's new text books on History and Social Sciences;

(b) if so, what would be the percentage of circulation thereafter; and

(c) the total number and percentage of CBSE affiliated schools, which would not be accepting the new text books, because of Delhi Government's decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No such intimation has been received by the Government.